

CLAIMS

I claim as my invention:

1. A device to prevent curling of kilties on men's and women's shoes, comprising:
 - a. A pre-shaped device known as the ``Kiltie Shaper'' that clamps down upon and covers the top of the kilties.
 - b. Said Kiltie Shaper is attached to a hinging mechanism to maintain appropriate pressure on the kilties during shoe storage.
 - c. Said hinging mechanism attaches to a pre-shaped handle via an adjustable slide mechanism.
 - d. Said handle attaches to standard commercial shoetrees.
2. The invention described in claim 1 wherein:
 - a. Said pre-shaped Kiltie Shaper is formed from plastic
3. The invention as described in claim 1 wherein:
 - a. Said pre-shaped Kiltie Shaper is formed from leather or fabric
4. The invention as described in claim 1, wherein:
 - a. Said pre-shaped handle attaches to wooden shoetrees.
5. The invention as described in claim 1, wherein:
 - a. Said pre-shaped handle attaches to plastic shoetrees.
6. The invention as described in claims 1-5 with a tassels holder attached above the Kiltie Shaper device.
7. A method to prevent curling of kilties on men's and women's shoes, comprising the following steps;

- a. Attaching the Kiltie Saver device to a standard wooden or plastic shoe tree, and
 - b. Placing the shoetree with the device attached inside the shoe during storage, and
 - c. Working the hinging mechanism in a manner that brings the Kiltie Shaper down on top of the kiltie, and
 - d. Storing the shoe in an area conducive to shoe preservation and maintenance.
8. A method to restore kilties on men's and women's shoes to their original shape, comprising the following steps:
- a. Attaching the Kiltie Saver device to a standard wooden or plastic shoe tree, and
 - b. Placing the shoetree with the device attached inside the shoe during storage, and
 - c. Working the hinging mechanism in a manner that brings the Kiltie Shaper down on top of the kiltie, and
 - d. Storing the shoe in an area conducive to shoe preservation and maintenance.